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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

John O. Lamping et al.

Application No.: 10/017,504

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
GUIDED CLUSTER BASED  
PROCESSING ON PROTOTYPES

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.